



Message from Mr Oakley, Head of College

Dear Parent / Carer

As we draw to the end of the Autumn term I would like to thank everyone: students, parents/carers and staff for their support in trying to minimise the disruption being caused by Covid. The twice-weekly Lateral Flow testing, children not attending if they are symptomatic and opting for a PCR test together, with the Covid vaccination day that we hosted for the NHS, have all contributed to the safety and wellbeing of the Arthur Mellows community.

The new term will start in similar challenging circumstances due to the ever increasing infection rate and the Omicron variant that is spreading through communities and parental support in booking an on-site Lateral Flow Test on either Tuesday 4 or Wednesday 5 January is very much appreciated. We have offered extending opening hours on the Tuesday into late afternoon in order to accommodate difficulties in attending. Remote learning provision is being set up to cover classes, with some live provision, during the first 2 days of term, with students actually back in school on Thursday 6 January.

Please do continue testing over the Christmas holidays, particularly if families are meeting up or socialising, and before returning to school in January in order to minimise the infection.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, please stay safe and well, and I look forward to seeing all students and staff back in school, well rested, in January.

IN THIS EDITION:



Virtual Christmas Concert

Save our Seas!



Sporting Success!

Term Dates

Term ends	Friday 17 December 2021
Covid Testing in school (By appointment only)	Tuesday 4 / Wednesday 5 January 2022
Term starts for all Year Groups	Thursday 6 January 2022
Year 11 Virtual Teacher Feedback Meetings	Monday 10 January 2022, 4.00 pm - 7.00 pm
Year 9 Options Booklet distributed	Monday 17 January 2022
Year 9 Virtual Teacher Feedback Meetings	Monday 24 January 2022, 4.00 pm - 7.00 pm
Year 13 Virtual Teacher Feedback Meetings	Monday 31 January 2022, 4.00 pm - 7.00 pm
Term ends	Friday 11 February 2022
Term starts	Monday 21 February 2022

COLLEGE NEWS

NEXT TERM'S ARRANGEMENTS

DELAYED START OF TERM

Due to the rise in positive COVID 19 cases and increasing concern about the Omicron variant, we have been directed by the Department for Education (DfE) to test students for COVID 19 when we return to College in January. Students must receive a negative LFT before returning to face to face teaching (unless they are exempt). Unfortunately, this means that there will be a delayed start to the beginning of term to allow testing to take place.

On Tuesday 4 and Wednesday 5 January 2022 we will be testing students using an appointment system, similar to our approach in March 2021 following the second lockdown.

There will be no face to face teaching but work will be provided by teachers for students to complete at home using Sharepoint or Teams and/or conducting live lessons for key groups for all of the lessons that would be taught on those days. Students will receive more detail on the provision that will be available for independent learning directly from their teacher either before the end of term or on the morning of Tuesday 4 January 2022. If students do not have digital access please advise the College so that hard copies of work can be provided.

I appreciate and regret that this will mean another two days of missed face to face teaching when students have missed so much school already. At the same time I recognise the seriousness of the COVID 19 virus and the need to control its transmission to protect our students, staff and communities.

All students will return to face to face teaching on Thursday 6 January 2022.



CONSENT FOR TESTING

A separate communication and subsequent reminders were sent to parents/carers with regard to consent for on-site testing at the College. Consent from parents is required to be refreshed this time, and this has now closed to allow the College to prepare the administration.

Any student who we do not hold consent for, will not be allowed into the test room at the College in January and they will not be tested.

Please note: anyone who has tested positive for COVID 19 within 90 days of the testing is exempt.

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### BUS TRANSPORT

The usual Local Authority funded bus transport will resume on Thursday 6 January 2022 when school timetables return to normal.



# COLLEGE NEWS

## VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT



**Junior Band**



'We had all really hoped that this year we could get back to a real concert, with an "in-person" audience, but sadly it was not to be. Our students have worked so hard on their performances, we decided that we would have to mark the occasion with another virtual concert. On the week beginning Monday 6 December 2021, we turned the Music Department into a concert venue and began our recording!

As always, our students rose to the occasion with their enthusiasm, their Christmas attire and their stunning performances. I had, in honesty, anticipated a stressful week, but instead I was treated to performance after performance that was polished, and it was quite simply a lovely, festive experience!

As always, we had performances from students from all Year Groups in the school. Some were solo's, some were larger group pieces. Our "Pop Choir" remains popular and is essentially a new choir (with the exception of our wonderful Year 11 students) It is great to see singers able to sing again. Our Jazz Band is again, essentially a new band. Our Year 10 and 12 students have taken over from students who have now left the College and have formed a new jazz band - one with a huge future I feel!

The new talent coming through is also very exciting...Fiona Fewtrell (7CGR/IDI) gave her piano recital - such a musical young lady.

Every performance would be worth a mention. Every performer has done brilliantly. We all hope that in the summer we can have a real performance! '

**Mrs Hammond and Mr Roberts**



**Year 12 Band**



**Pop Choir**



**Year 11 Singers**



**Jazz Band**



# COLLEGE NEWS

## YEAR 11 PHOTOGRAPHY



'Who knew there was more to taking a photo than taking out your smartphone and pressing a button?

We have 70 students in Year 11 studying for a Level 2 Cambridge National Extended Certificate in Creative iMedia, a challenging but creative course. In the past couple of weeks, we have braved the cold to take photos in Glington village, to create a portfolio of images for their next piece of coursework exploring different photographic techniques. The theme of the project is 'The Built Environment' and students are free to interpret however they like, such as capturing images to promote an area for tourism or to explore the contrast between old and new, or rural and urban architecture.



Students have been learning about different photographic and compositional techniques such as framing, the rule of thirds, the golden ratio, leading lines and depth of field, whilst also exploring the complexities of manual settings such as ISO and shutter speed.

The students took to their task really well and the photos they have taken are impressive. With a few months to go, most students are set to at least hit their targets and many are well on the way to exceeding their aspirational target grades which is testament to their hard work and the vast array of talented students we are lucky to have at AMVC. The numbers of our Media students going on to top universities and amazing careers at leading companies such as Disney and Sky Sports has hopefully enhanced our reputation and encouraged this latest wave of youngsters to have the self-belief to chase their dreams.

There is also a student-run photography club at AMVC taking place on Friday lunchtimes, so if this looks appealing or intriguing, why not come along and test your skills?'

**By Mr Zaidi**  
**Head of Media**





# COLLEGE NEWS

## CURRICULUM EVENTS

### SENIOR MATHS CHALLENGE

'On 11 November 2021, 60 Year 12 and 13 students completed the UKMT (UK Mathematical Trust) Senior Maths Challenge.

The challenge is designed to be taken by the top Maths students in the country and test a wide range of mathematical skills and logical problem solving. The questions are tricky and for some questions, if you get the wrong answer, marks are deducted; so a good strategy is required.

Of the 60 students, 22 students achieved a bronze certificate (a score of 49+), 12 students achieved a silver certificate (a score of 66+) and 2 achieved a gold certificate (85+).

Notable achievements were:

Lukas Durrant (13SSO), who came 'Best in School', Daisy Randall (13GHU) came 'Best in Year 13' and Madeleine O'Neill (12HSH), 'Best in Year 12'.

Lukas and Daisy have qualified to the next round, 'Senior Kangaroo'. Well done to all the students who took part.'

By Mrs A Brown



### BEBRAS COMPUTING CHALLENGE SUCCESS

Students in Year 10 and 11 Computer Science classes recently participated in the National Bebras Computing Challenge, supported in the UK by Oxford University.

The online challenge was first created by a professor in Lithuania in 2003 and has since grown into a worldwide event. Bebras is the Lithuanian word for "beaver", the competition was named after hard-working, intelligent, and lively beaver. The UK first participated in 2013, and this year saw over 305,000 entries.



Bebras is an international initiative aiming to promote Computer Science, and computational thinking among school students at all ages. Computational thinking involves using a set of problem-solving skills and techniques that software engineers use to write programs and apps.

Certificates were awarded for their success including Merits and Distinctions. Four of our students: Thomas Butcher, Bailey Blyth, Maxwell Fradley and Connor Costello (pictured) have also received Gold Awards for achieving in the top 10% nationally.

As a result of their achievement, they have been invited to take part in the online Oxford Computing Challenge which takes place in February 2022. We are very proud of their achievements.

By Miss Mayhead



# COLLEGE NEWS


## SAVE OUR SEAS!

Year 7 Geography students, (7s1) kindly contributed to a new Main Corridor display. The topic was 'Save our Seas' and they were asked to provide the facts around reducing waste and increasing plastic in our seas, therefore risking marine life and the planet. Here are a selection of the fantastic information sheets produced by the class, which were full of some great artwork and strong environmental issues that we face in our seas today.

Thank you to Mr Jones who taught the class and encouraged the students to take part.

By Rachel Swinbourne

# PLASTIC IN THE OCEAN



Plastic in the ocean can harm the environment massively. Things such as micro-plastics can kill sea life.

How did this happen?

Plastic may be convenient, however, it led to a throw-away culture that reveals its negative side. Single-use plastic accounts for 14.0% of plastic that's produced every year. Products such as plastic bags, food wrappers and crisp packets have a lifespan of minutes to hours for us, but they may be in the oceans for centuries.

Facts

- Additives are added to make them stronger, however, this increases their lifespan in the environment.
- By 2050, there may be more plastic in the ocean than fish.
- 2.2 million tonnes of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) is absorbed by the ocean due to plastic.

What we can do!

- Reuse things as much as we can
- Put single-use plastic in the recycling bin
- Avoid plastic bags and recycle/reuse plastic bag
- Reuse water bottles

Personal Opinion

Personally, I think the Government should introduce laws to reduce single-use plastic (e.g. a plastic tax). However, I also think it's more of a problem in our society today - if we want change, we should be the ones to make that change for it to make an effect on our environment.

# STOP OCEAN PLASTIC POLLUTION!

How can you help stop Ocean pollution?

- Cut down on how much plastic you use.
- Recycle properly
- Avoid items with a large bulk of plastic.
- Join a beach cleaning programme.
- SPREAD THE WORD!

Why is plastic harmful for the ocean?


The most visible impacts of plastic are the ingestion, suffocation and entanglement of hundreds of marine species. Marine wildlife such as seabirds, whales, fish and turtles mistake plastic for prey most then die of starvation as their stomachs become filled with plastic.

My opinion on ocean pollution?

In my opinion I think that we should take a bit more action in this crisis like recycling most plastic items otherwise the amount of plastic in the ocean will rise and we will have more plastic than fish in the ocean.

Ocean pollution facts!

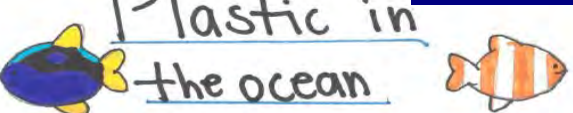
- In 2050, there may be more plastic than fish.
- Plastic was invented by Leo Baekeland
- A few items that were found on our beaches were 2.4 million cigarette buds, 1.7 million food wrappers and more.



By Macie Giddens

By Kaitlin O'Connor

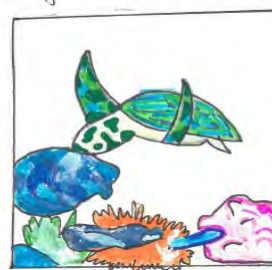
# Plastic in the ocean



Plastic in the ocean is a serious problem. It is disturbing marine life, sea birds and many more. These animals mistake plastic and litter for prey, and end up choking, and starving because their stomachs are full of harmful plastic debris.

100% of baby turtles have plastic in their stomachs.

1 in 3 fish caught by humans for food contains plastic.




88% of the seas surface is covered in plastic.

We have only discovered 5-7% of the ocean

Next time you litter, put yourself into an animal's shoes and think how you would feel if you were starving, starving of more because of this plastic everywhere.

# Plastic in the Ocean



8 million pieces of plastic pollution enters our ocean daily, 79% of plastic is sent to landfills or the ocean, while only 9% gets recycled and 12% is incinerated.

The ocean is said to be Earth's life support, with 97% of the world's water being held by the ocean. We rely on it to regulate our climate, absorb CO<sub>2</sub> and it's the number one source for protein for over a billion people. However, at the rate we are polluting the ocean with around 12.7 million tonnes of plastic a year, the damage we are doing to our marine life and our ecosystems is becoming irreversible. Our actions will determine the state of the ocean, 10 years will affect our ocean for the next 1000 years to come.

| Now | 10,000 years | Now | 10,000 years |
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Did you know...

More than 1 billion seabirds and 100,000 marine animals die from plastic pollution every year.

There are now 5.25 trillion macro and micro pieces of plastic in our ocean and 46,000 pieces in every square mile of the ocean.

The Great Pacific Garbage patch is around 1.6 million square kilometers - bigger than Texas.

By Ellie Manning



# COLLEGE NEWS

## SAVE OUR SEAS!

There could be more plastic than fish in the ocean by 2050

The average time a plastic bag is used is 12 minutes.

A whopping 2 million plastic bags are used worldwide every minute.

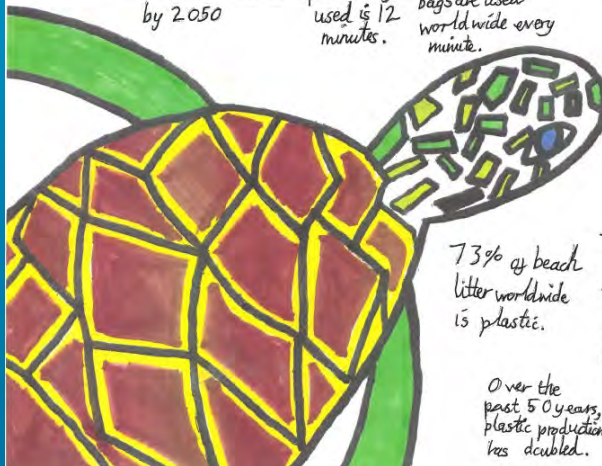
8 million pieces of plastic pollution find their way into the ocean daily.

Single use plastics are illegal in some parts of the world.

73% of beach litter worldwide is plastic.

79% of plastic waste is sent to landfills or the ocean, while only 9% is recycled, and 12% gets incinerated.

Over the past 50 years, plastic production has doubled.



By Thomas Hunt

By Anika Patel

Plastic in the ocean


How did this happen?  
After WWII, plastic products increased massively. This leads to modern life being unworkable without plastic. Plastic has changed most of our day-to-day things such as, medicine, phones, laptops, cars, jets, ect. However this has led to something to throw-away culture and many more problems.

Plastic by facts

- Some plastics can last for 15 years.
- 8 million pieces of plastic pollution finds its way to the ocean daily.
- Only 9% of plastic waste is recycled.
- Many sea birds are caught up in Ocean's plastic waste.

Harm to wildlife  
An uncountable amount of animals are killed by plastics daily. Not only are the sea animals harmed by plastics, but so are land animals. Sadly, it could even cause death for them.

What can we do about it?  
Some ways we can decrease plastic pollution is by recycling our plastic waste. We could also avoid products containing micro-beads, reduce your use of single use plastic. And support organisations addressing plastic pollution.



By AJ Jummun

By Alysha Long

### Plastic in the Ocean

AJ Jummun



Every year at least 14 million tons of plastic end up in the ocean! In fact plastic makes up 80% of all marine debris.

If marine species swallow, eat or are entangled by plastic netting this causes marine life to choke or even die.

Did you know over 300 million tons of plastic are produced every year? Half of which is used to create single-use items such as shopping bags, cups and straws, which are harmful to our environment.



#### How you can help

1. Reduce your use of single-use plastics (buy less single use plastics, e.g. crisps and cans)
2. Recycle properly (use correct bins)
3. Participate in a beach or river clean-up
4. Spread the word and recycle where you can



### Plastic in the ocean

#### What causes plastic in the ocean?

It is estimated that 80% of marine litter comes from land. This pollution comes mainly from household waste, which is poorly recycled, dumped in landfills or abandoned in nature.



#### What damage does it cause?

Plastic is very dangerous for animals as it could injure or even kill them if it wrapped around their neck whilst they were swimming and strangle them. It is also dangerous for humans as it is poisonous and it also ruins our lovely beaches.



#### What can we do to stop it?

We could...

- Come together as a community and clean the beaches.
- Stop littering and recycle as much as we can.
- Try not to use single use plastic.
- Use reusable bags instead of plastic ones at the shops.

That is how we can stop plastic in the ocean and prevent sea creatures from going extinct!

SAVE THE TURTLES!

By Alysha Long

**Save our Sea!**


Sea turtles are incidentally affected by plastic pollution. From the moment they're hatched, they face the risk of death or injury. Turtles usually see a jellyfish which they mistake for a plastic bag. This results in them eating and dying in the big rubbishy chum and seaweed.

Over 300 million tons of plastic is produced each year, however 14 million of that plastic ends up in the ocean. This makes up more than 80% of all marine debris found on the surface of the water, all the way to the bottom of the deep.

Plastic pollution also affects animals such as seabirds and sea turtles, seals too. They usually die because they get tangled in it or by digesting it.

We must stop plastic pollution in seas, before animals such as sea turtles become Extinct!

Reuse, Recycle, Reuse our Sea.



By Fin Hargreaves



# COLLEGE NEWS

## EVA CLARKE - HOLOCAUST TALK

'Having missed the opportunity to hear the testimony of Eva Clarke, Holocaust survivor, in school last year because of the pandemic, all Year 10 students listened to Eva's story via Zoom on 6 October 2021.

Eva tells the remarkable and very moving tale of her family and what happened to them during the years of Nazi persecution in Eastern Europe. Eva is famous for having been the 'baby born in a concentration camp' and the Year 10's listened incredibly well, as Eva illustrated those years through photographs of her immediate family and then what happened to them all after the war.

Nicole Ford (10RCN) commented 'Personally, I think hearing Eva's story made me realise how scary and horrible the situation was, especially for her mother who was heavily pregnant and it would not have been easy for her. Listening to someone who experienced this period first hand is weird, but was a very good way of showing what it must have been like for real people'.

Eva Clarke was one of only three babies born in the Mauthausen concentration camp who survived the Holocaust. She was born on 29 April 1945, just a day after the Nazis had destroyed the camp's gas chambers and less than a week before it's liberation. Her birth certificate will be going on display for the very first time in IWM London's brand new Holocaust Galleries.

It is our hope that the current Year 9's will hear Eva speak in school later in the spring term and more information about this will be sent home nearer the time.'

**By Miss Tarnoczy  
History Department**







# COLLEGE NEWS

## COMBINED CADET FORCE - REMEMBRANCE PARADE



'Remembrance Sunday took place on 14 November 2021. It was a national opportunity to remember the service and sacrifice of all those that have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life.

We remembered the Armed Forces and their families from Britain and the Commonwealth, the vital role played by the emergency services and those that have lost their lives as a result of conflict or terrorism. Arthur Mellows Combined Cadet Force (CCF) were fortunate to be asked to take part in the annual Market Deeping parade, alongside military veterans and their families, ACF, Guides, Brownies and Rainbows.

The parade progressed through the Market Square to St Guthlac's Church where Rev Mark Williams gave a church service in memory of our fallen soldiers, with the 2 minute silence being observed at 11.00 am. The parade then followed the same route back with an "eyes left" being given to the Town Hall as a sign of respect to the flag and various dignitaries at the parade.

It was not only a pleasure, but also a great honour to not only have been invited to take part in the Remembrance Parade, but to also have met veterans who have contributed to keep our country safe. All CCF members should be extremely proud of themselves.'

**By Lily Levy (9DCU/DWI)**





# COLLEGE NEWS

## INSPIRATIONAL STAFF



The Peterborough Telegraph have been running their annual Pride in Peterborough Awards campaign in print and online since October, during which time they have been receiving nominations from their readers and Editorial Team for worthy recipients of a Pride in Peterborough Award for 2021.

Mrs Mitchell and Miss Senior (Art/Textiles Department) were invited to attend the Awards Evening on 7 December 2021.

They achieved a finalist place in the 'Star Teacher/Carer/Giver' category and received a highly commended framed certificate. They were up against some amazing competition and both feel honoured to be nominated.

The award was in recognition of the 'Helping with Headbands Project', with their total count of protective products (buttoned headbands, wash bags and masks) which were sent across the country during lockdown, with the help of a team of sewing bees totalling just over 14,500!

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

**In previous issues of The Voice, we have celebrated student achievements outside of College.**

**If your child has achieved an individual or team goal outside of the College, please send in a short paragraph outlining their achievements; these do not necessarily need to be sport related.**

**Please also include a relevant photograph, providing your consent for the photograph to be published. Please send your items to [office@arthurmellows.org](mailto:office@arthurmellows.org)**



# COLLEGE NEWS

## SIXTH FORM NEWS

### INTERVIEW SKILLS SESSION

'On Thursday 4 November 2021 an employer panel was organised for Year 13 Preparation for Employment students. Despite us not being able to invite guests into the school we have been managing to support these events virtually.

The purpose of the event was to give support to Year 13 students leaving to gain employment this year for a Virtual Mock Interview. Employers involved were Aldrich Group, Royal Sun Alliance, Job Centre Plus and Anglian Water Early Years Recruitment.

The students were given a short "dos and don'ts" for interviews as well as what would be looked for on a CV. Students then asked questions about what they could ask in an interview, how interviews were taking place now and whether it would be acceptable to use a script for their interview if online. The group found the session really engaging and it was a great success.'

By Miss Stark



### Sixth Form Key Dates

|                                                                                         |                           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Elf Day<br>(To raise money for Alzheimer's Society)                                     | Friday 17 December 2021   |
| Year 13 Monitoring Point 2                                                              | Friday 21 January 2022    |
| Marshalls Centre Employability Session<br>(Year 13 Preparation for Employment Students) | Thursday 27 January 2022  |
| Mock Interviews 2<br>(Year 13 Preparation for Employment Students)                      | Thursday 10 February 2022 |
| Year 13 Exam Mock Window                                                                | 17 March - 30 March 2022  |

### MOCK INTERVIEWS

'From 9.00 am on Thursday 18 November, the Year 13 Preparation for Employment group undertook Mock Virtual Interviews.



When these are being used more often as a first interview it is important that our students have experience of these before they have their first proper interview.

Twelve employers volunteered their time to give thirty-six students a taste of what it is like to be interviewed online, giving them a chance to practise the STAR interview technique to formulate answers. Employers gave written feedback on the students' performance making sure they identified strengths as well as areas of improvement. All students that took part came up with a positive from their experience and have feedback ready for the next interview in February 2022.

The Employers that took part were, Anglian Water, Milestone Infrastructure, JM Building, Royal Sun Alliance, Aldrich Group, Kier Group, Cross Keys Homes, NHS, University of Suffolk and Nottingham University.'

By Miss Stark



# COLLEGE NEWS

## CHARITY EVENTS



### ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 'ODD SOCKS'

Arthur Mellows students and staff supported the anti-bullying message 'One Kind Word' during week of Monday 15 November 2021.

Students took part in anti-bullying activities and celebrated kindness and uniqueness within all the school community.

In a world that can sometimes feel like it's filled with negativity, one kind word can change the course of a conversation and break the cycle of bullying.



### SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD

Wear it Red Day in aid of 'Show Racism the Red Card' was back on Friday 22 October 2021. The day raised awareness of racism and provided education of the topic.

Students wore a red accessory along with their normal school uniform and donated 50p to the charity. The total raised was **£266.00**.

**SHOW  
RACISM  
THE  
RED  
CARD**

### CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

'With Christmas day drawing closer and the festive season in full swing, Christmas Jumper Day has only added to the celebration, after such a turbulent year, nothing is more welcome than the chance to dig up our flashiest and often cringiest Christmas wear. However, Christmas Jumper Day is much more than an opportunity to wear pun adorned knitwear, as it acts as the final push of the year for 'Save the Children Charity'.

Since it's start in 2012, £27 million has been raised simply by encouraging workplaces and school students across the nation to bring their festivities into the workplace alongside a small donation and these contributions begin to add up. With each year, Save The Children adds more emphasis to the cause by asking us to pull out our glue guns and the bundles of tinsel.



Although initially tempted by the unending collections of Christmas apparel we see in shops, the best way we can approach Christmas Jumper Day is with a childlike sense of creativity by upcycling jumpers from charity shops. Daunting in it's nature, many people back away from the sewing machines and glittery pipe cleaners, but with enough persistence to further the Save The Children's cause, glitter we will be cleaning up for years to come seems worth it. Encouraging the upcycling of jumpers from Christmas past only provides us another opportunity to help out while engaging in the festivities, it feels we have missed out on these past couple of years. With another year to plan our knitted escapade we have time to create jumpers that put Kirstie Allsopp to shame, flexing those creative muscles to help more than ever. After exploring the true meaning of Christmas Jumper Day the sequin adorned, and pun littered jumpers we throw on the morning of the 10th take on a new meaning.



With the £2 rattling in our pockets we can contribute to a cause that supports future generations and only improve circumstances of those who come after. Whether we decide to coat ourselves in glitter and flashing lights or simply wrap some tinsel around our necks after nearly two years of being trapped in our homes, it feels more important than ever to do something for others.'

**By Bea Phillips (12ABR)**

The total raised was  
**£308.80**



# COLLEGE NEWS

## CHARITY EVENTS

### SHOEBOX APPEAL AND HOMELESS SHELTER DONATIONS

For the elderly in sheltered accommodation, care homes and hospitals across Peterborough. Another year of such generosity and goodwill from the AMVC school community.

Thank you to all the parents, students and staff who have brought in donations for our Shoebox appeal for those who are likely to be alone or without gifts this Christmas. Christmas can be a challenging time for the elderly in care homes and sheltered accommodation. These gifts will make a huge difference to their wellbeing. We have even been so lucky to have received donations of jigsaw puzzles!



Alongside this, (as if the shoeboxes weren't enough!) parents, students and staff have also brought in food donations for the Peterborough Soup Kitchen. These donations will ensure that those who are homeless will not go hungry.

We thank you so much, we could not do this without the support and kindness of you, our school community.

We wish you a safe and enjoyable Christmas break.

**Mrs Young and Mrs Knight**



Kevin Browne from  
The Peterborough Soup Kitchen  
collecting the donations

### NEW YEAR, NEW OPPORTUNITY- JOIN YOUR PTA!

Arthur Mellows Village College is one of the few secondary schools in the area with a Parent Teacher Association (PTA). Arthur Mellows PTA has always been proud to support student's learning and experiences. Over the years this has included equipment for Geography field trips; theatre productions; cookery appliances; a sensory room refurb; i-pads; graphic tablets; funds towards a hybrid minibus; and lighting and cameras, to name but a few. The College has always appreciated the support provided, and the annual fundraising activities, such as our Christmas raffle has provided additional fun and sparkle to the College's calendar of events. The second-hand uniform sales have always been popular and greatly appreciated by many.

Although the Coronavirus situation has taken its toll on the committee, the purpose of the PTA now seems even more relevant.

Of the few remaining PTA members, many no longer have children as students at Arthur Mellows. To continue, the PTA is in urgent need of your support, however much or little of your time you can offer. The PTA now needs a new team to take it forward with new ideas and inspiration. We are looking for a new **Chair, Secretary and Treasurer**. Other hands and new faces are also welcomed to kick-start the committee once again from January 2022. We have the full support of the College and an energetic teacher and Governor link representative on-board the team.

Joining the PTA is a fantastic way to get involved with the College, make new friends, and make a positive contribution. If you are interested, please contact our **Deputy Chair, Claire Cobourne (Tel: 07736 844059)** to find out more details on the key roles or how you can help out on the committee.

**Terry Wright - on behalf of AMPTA**



# COLLEGE NEWS

## CHARITY EVENTS



**'COVID CAN'T STOP CHILDREN IN NEED!'**  
BY ABBIE JACKSON (12ABR)

The school community raised a staggering amount of £1508.51.

'This year, Children In Need' took place on 19 November 2021, and the whole community at Arthur Mellows did not disappoint this year, in terms of doing their part.

Of course, the Covid 19 pandemic this year has caused a halt in many schools and businesses tracks, but it cannot stop communities coming together to work out what we can do to support all the children that are struggling a lot more. From the higher risk families, forcing them to continue to stay isolated whilst the world kicks back into social 'normality', to the rise in mental health issues around the world, from having to stay over 20 months in different forms of lockdown. So, thinking of each child that is relying on all the UK's donations, AMVC students, as well as many other students from schools across the UK, came in with their donations, their funky clothes, their smiles and their 'Pudsy Ears' to create unity to state, 'Covid. You can't stop us!'



Due to the Covid 19 pandemic, the whole of the UK was limited this year in terms of what they could and couldn't do to support the suffering children living in difficult circumstances. However, nothing said we could try to do what we can! So, although there was no huge bake sale, or sponsored Sixth Formers, or crazy challenges for teachers this year, AMVC managed to stay safe this year whilst raising a huge amount of money for 'Children in Need' via a 'Dress Down Day'. This idea of everybody wearing completely different attire to help all struggling children and families within the world just shows, that regardless of divides in society in terms of politics,

views and many other factors, the whole of the UK can come together as one large community to help those in need.

For those living under a rock, 'Children in Need' is a yearly annual event, which was initially set up by the BBC in 1980 by Mark Patterson. The whole aim of the charity was to raise money from every corner across the country to help disadvantaged children and families all across the world. It's first annual show, was a series of short segments, linking programs over the course of one evening, unlike it's usual continuous format. From that format not being as successful as they had hoped for, the next year they created a telethon using its usual continuous format that we know of now, hosted by Sir Terry Wogan (who hosted the show for 35 years), Sue Lawley and Esther Rantzen, and it managed to raise £1 million that year alone. Since then, 'Children in Need' have managed to raise over £1 billion. From it's amazing support and input from schools, businesses, shops, athletes and many more people and creating a supportive and incredible event that is truly indescribable.

One story of lives 'Children in Need' has helped turn around would be the story of Sam and Alex, who are a pair of twins who have never had things easy in this world. Sam and Alex are intelligent, bright, optimistic and above all extremely brave, as they both have been diagnosed by what is called Spinal Muscular Atrophy, which is a life limiting, muscle wasting disease. Over the years, their muscles have got weaker to the point they need a carer to lift them out of bed, could you imagine having to go through such a situation? As well as this, their bodies are getting weaker each year to the point they know this illness is terminal. However, these two boys are just as resilient as they are happy, and they live each day to the best they can.



What helps them get through such a tough situation is 'Rainbows'. 'Rainbows' is a local charity organisation which helps children with disabilities like Sam and Alex. All their rooms and resources are wheelchair friendly with carers and social workers helping, which help them stay happy in their activities and provides support. However, 'Rainbows' needs donations in order to keep going and help children like Sam and Alex. So that is why we must keep resilient and keep doing what we can to help such charities and families like this one. Sam and Alex aren't the only family out there in this situation.

So, the UK did not let Covid 19 be the reason for our lack of support, and this year raised a huge total of £39,389,048. Each penny will not go to waste, helping all families in dire need of help. We can only go on with the support to help them in the future.'



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### SIXTH FORM PETERBOROUGH SCHOOLS FOOTBALL LEAGUE

**Sixth Form Team** (pictured right):

Lloyd Barker (GK) - 13SCR  
Mekhi Underwood - 12BZA  
Sam Fielding - 12TCE  
Jack Brumfield (C) - 13MRI  
Sid O'Connell - 13MRI  
Hashim Hussain - 13EMN  
Jo Sandel - 13MRI  
Will Howarth - 13GHU  
Riley Taylor - 12JSR/CWT  
Adam Mathieson - 13MTR  
Isaac Shaw - 13GHU  
Will Manning - 13RDA  
George Whiteman - 12BZA  
Louis Meadows - 12BZA  
Matty Mills - 12KGI  
Oren Spivak - 13SCR



'The Sixth Form Football Team won their first game against Youth Dreams Project, winning 1-0 with Sam Fielding achieving man of the match with the winning goal. The AMVC Team then had to face Hampton College in the semi finals.

Jo Sandel (man of the match) scored a good goal to put us ahead 1-0. However, Hampton scored an equaliser with 10 minutes to go, taking the game to penalties. AMVC lost the game 5-3 on penalties. Well done to the whole team for their amazing effort and commitment.'

**By Mr Steele**

### YEAR 7 AND 8 GIRLS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENTS

Our Year 7 and 8 Girls Football Team took part in a several events this term.

#### **2 November 2021 vs The Peterborough School.**

They played a home game against The Peterborough School. AMVC won 15 - 0, which is amazing. They played really well, and passed well. Our goalkeeper was Connie for this game, who saved all goals that they made on target. We got the all up-pitch quickly after the game started and got it to our forward players which lead to our first goal. Our fab goal scorers were Evie Roe, Isla Wales, Katie Conkey, Amy Fuller, Chloe Porter and Miri Jacombs.

#### **Posh training ground, Nene Park on 19 November 2021.**

The girls won one game, drew one game and lost one game. Well done to all.

#### **26 November 2021 vs The Peterborough School**

A squad of six girls represented AMVC in the EFL Girls Cup Tournament. The girls worked really hard in their group to try and qualify for the finals. They showed great resilience and teamwork throughout the day and had great performances from all, especially from Evie and Miri who scored some quality goals.

During the day, the girls won against Holbeach and drew against Nene Wade Academy. Unfortunately, they lost against Hampton Gardens which meant that they were unable to qualify to the finals. Well done to the squad! You did AMVC proud!

**By Miss Martin**

Pictured are: Isla Wales, Evie Roe, Patsy Duffy, Katie Conkey, Chloe Porter, Aimee Harris, Miri Jacombs and Ava Reinis.





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### PETERBOROUGH SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS: AMVC DOMINATE THE PODIUM POSITIONS



Leo Howard (7CGR/IDI)

Abbi Peake (10JMF/THA),  
Lola Fletcher (10VCH),  
Katie Gee (10JMF/THA),  
Jaime Crookes (10VCH)



Jamie Moore (7DCA)

A strong team of 48 Arthur Mellows Village College athletes went to Ferry Meadows on 26 November 2021, to take part in the Peterborough Schools Cross Country Championships. This was a great event where over 500 runners from nine schools across eight races competed for the top 16 positions to qualify for the County Championships at Priory Park, St Neots, due to take place on Saturday 15 January 2022.

The day got off to a good start with the minor girls (Year 7s). Ellie Manning (7RWW) came 9<sup>th</sup> in her race, securing her spot at the County Championships with great efforts from the rest of the team: Evie Roe (7JWK) (33<sup>rd</sup>), Matilda Procter (7JWK) (41<sup>st</sup>), Alycea Brown (7SRB) (48<sup>th</sup>), Emily Molsher (7CGR) (50<sup>th</sup>), Chloe Thompson (7BCO) (52<sup>nd</sup>) and Lucy Thompson (7CGR) (53<sup>rd</sup>) meaning the AMVC Team was placed 6<sup>th</sup> overall.

The minor boys followed (Year 7s), which saw the beginning of the College's start to dominate the top three standings. Ryan Abbey (7CGR) was well clear in 1<sup>st</sup> position, but was backed up by a strong performances from Leo Howard (7CGR) (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Jamie Moore (7DCA) (12<sup>th</sup>) all securing their seats on the coach to St Neots in January. The team packed well behind, with Matthew Treacy (7JAL) (31<sup>st</sup>) and Isaac Treacy (7SDW) (33<sup>rd</sup>) meaning the team finished 2<sup>nd</sup> behind The King's School, who dominated the team standings on the day.

Ryan Abbey (7CGR/IDI)



Connie Tighe (8EBK),  
Emmy Braband (8YBR/SYA),  
Izzy Vause (8EBK)



Freddie Parker (9DCU/DWI),  
Teddy Nottle (9KPT),  
Alphin Hadfield (8GPA),  
Jack Cradock (8WCH),  
Finlay McGrory (8TMY),  
Jack Siggers (8TNE)



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### CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS CONTINUED

Let's just say an interesting race occurred afterwards, with the Junior girls (Years 8 and 9) where all the runners took a wrong turn in the first section of the race, cutting the distance of the course by several hundred metres, but this caused no problems for the race favourite and runaway winner Erin Walker (9NPR). Three athletes were disqualified (not from AMVC of course!) for failing to run the second lap of the race meaning Abigail Lambert (9KBR) had a great run and achieved 7<sup>th</sup> position, both athletes qualifying for the County Championships. The Junior girls team came 3<sup>rd</sup> with great performances from Connie Tighe (8EBK) (22<sup>nd</sup>), Elissa Abbott (9HBN) (25<sup>th</sup>), Lucy Marsden (8TMY) (31<sup>st</sup>), Izzy Vause (8EBK) (39<sup>th</sup>) and Emmy Braband (8YBR/SYA) (42<sup>nd</sup>).

Midway through the day the Junior boys (Years 8 and 9) team saw three athletes qualify for the County Championships: Jack Cradock (8WCH) (11<sup>th</sup>), Jack Saggars (8TNE) (12<sup>th</sup>) and Freddy Parker (9DCU) (16<sup>th</sup>). The front three from AMVC were supported well by Finlay McGrory (8TMY) (24<sup>th</sup>), Oscar Tomaselli (9EDI) (28<sup>th</sup>) and Alphin Hadfield (8GPA) (36<sup>th</sup>), placing the team overall 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The Intermediate girls (Years 10 and 11) ran with the Senior girls (Years 12 and 13) which demonstrated complete dominance by Arthur Mellows. A clean sweep of the medals for the inter girls after a great battle in the last 100m for gold and silver: Lola Fletcher (10VCH) (1<sup>st</sup>), Olivia Walker (11GEL) (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Katie Gee (10JMF) (3<sup>rd</sup>) with a fantastic run from Jaime Crookes (10VCH) (7<sup>th</sup>) all qualifying for the next race at St Neots. However, the team would have not won this race overall without Abbi Peake (10JMF) (18<sup>th</sup>) and Lauren Hunt (10JTR) (21<sup>st</sup>) who were a very late, but vital addition to the team. Erin Treacy (13RDA) in the senior girls came comfortably in first, showing that 400/800m runners can perform well on the mud too.

The Intermediate boys (Years 10 and 11) also ran with the Senior boys (Years 12 and 13), less dominant than the girls but as much effort given. The team was placed 6<sup>th</sup> overall with good outings from; Marcus Amps-Woodward ((11JKR) 17<sup>th</sup>), Cameron Cook (10RCN) (51<sup>st</sup>), Joshua Arden (10HOX) (52<sup>nd</sup>), Rhys Ingram (10VCH) (53<sup>rd</sup>), George Pilcher (10GMU) (55<sup>th</sup>), Toby Curran (10HOX) (56<sup>th</sup>) and Leo Attwood (10MTO) (57<sup>th</sup>). The day finishing on a very high note with Dylan Tomaselli (13SCR) showing a very classy run to win the Senior boys race, saving a few gears for the County Championships.

All athletes who did qualify for the next round at the Cambridgeshire County Championships will be looking to make the Cambridgeshire team for best cross country race on English soil, The English Schools XC Championships (March) in Kent with a bonus race at the Anglian Schools XC Championships (February) in Ipswich. Well done everyone!

By Mr Wilkinson



**Minor Boys**  
Ryan Abbey (1st) and  
Leo Howard (2nd)

**Intermediate Girls**  
Katie Gee (3rd) and  
Lola Fletcher (1st)



**Senior Boys**  
Dylan Tomaselli (1st)



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### SOKE HOCKEY: YEAR 5/6 COMPETITION

Ten primary teams in total took part in this competition. This is a lower number than usual due to Covid. It was great to be able to hold this event, as it was outside.

As always, the event begins with coaching from our Sports Leaders and then teams play a series of games, which were umpired again by Sports Leaders.

A cup and plate competition was held in order to maximise playing time. Results were:

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Eye Primary
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - John Clare Primary, Helpston
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Wittering Primary
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Northborough Primary

The final was very close – and had to go to extra time. There was very little between the top teams. Well done to all those players and leaders who took part.



### BSGA REGIONAL TRAMPOLINE EAST COMPETITION



This event was held at Queenswood school, near Potters Bar on 28 November 2021.

Only the best school trampolinists were selected to take part in this competition, all of those attending train with AeroKinetics outside of school. There was a really high standard this year and the girls did really well.

Keira Street came 1<sup>st</sup> in her Novice category and Megan Lord and Leah Bird were in the top 13 of the Intermediate category. Well done to all girls, it was great that they were able to represent the school so far afield.

Pictured:

Leah Bird (11IER) and Megan Lord (13JWI) at the Regional Trampoline East Competition

### YEAR 7 AND 8 NETBALL

We have started training in earnest for fixtures, these should begin in the Spring term, hopefully with the improved light and weather.

We have lots of enthusiastic netballers and we will have a hard job deciding on teams. We have five Sports Leaders who are helping us to lead these sessions, Amy Greenwood, Lily McDonald, Morgan Jones, Amelia Bradberry and Elizabeth Nunn.

Their netball knowledge and the small ratios that their attendance allows us, is making a big difference to the teams.

By Mrs Wilding





## SPRING TERM 2022

|                         |                                          |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Student Remote Learning | Tuesday 4 and Wednesday 5 January        |
| Opens                   | Thursday 6 January                       |
| Half Term               | Monday 14 February to Friday 18 February |
| Ends                    | Friday 1 April                           |

## SUMMER TERM 2022

|                |                                |
|----------------|--------------------------------|
| Training Day 4 | Tuesday 19 April               |
| Opens          | Wednesday 20 April             |
| May Day        | Monday 2 May                   |
| Half Term      | Monday 30 May to Friday 3 June |
| Ends           | Thursday 21 July               |

Have you made any changes to your contact information that we currently hold for you?

Please keep the College informed of any changes to your address, telephone numbers or email addresses. This is particularly important so that we can contact parents/carers in the event of an emergency or First Aid issue.

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## LATE BUSES RUN ON TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS

### TUESDAY ROUTE

Newborough, Eye Village, Eye Green, Thorney

### THURSDAY ROUTE

Wittering, Ailsworth, Castor



**STUDENTS SHOULD BOOK THEIR SEAT AT STUDENT RECEPTION ON THE DAY, BEFORE 1.30 PM**